NAVAIR INSTRUCTION 5234.2

From: Chief Information Officer

Subj: TEAM-WIDE GUIDELINES FOR MICROSOFT WINDOWS 98 OPERATING
       SYSTEM

Ref: (a) NAVAIR Technical Architecture Guide, V2.1

1. Purpose. These guidelines are an update to the set of
standards identified in reference (a) that ensure accurate and
consistent interoperability using new and emerging technologies
with the current Naval Aviation Systems Team (TEAM) infrastructure.
Effective immediately, these updated guidelines are to be used with
all desktop computer procurements throughout the TEAM.

2. Background. In the spring of 1998, Microsoft released a new PC
desktop operating system, Windows 98. Accordingly, this new
operating system became immediately available to anyone willing to
purchase an upgrade. Additionally, many new desktop machines may be
optionally delivered with Windows 98 installed.

3. Objectives. Per reference (a), the standard PC desktop
operating system was established as Windows 95. Technology
advances, as well as product upgrades now require the review and
promulgation of the PC desktop operating system standard for the
TEAM.

4. Scope and Applicability.

    a. This instruction affects all TEAM non-tactical desktop and
laptop computers. The TEAM-wide standard for existing PC desktop
operating systems remains Microsoft Windows 95. For new purchases
of desktop and laptop computers, additional guidance is provided
herein.

    b. All information management (IM) acquisition development and
operations efforts, whether performed by the 7.2 Competency or
other parts of the TEAM, shall comply with this instruction. In
addition, this instruction shall be cited in all future procurement
actions that include IT or IM services.

    c. Reference (a) is the repository for approved IT standards
and guidelines affecting IM acquisitions, development, and
operation TEAM-wide.

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5. Approach:

    a. After extensive discussions with vendors, attendance at
product seminars, comparison of products, and discussions with
network administrators, it was determined that the functionality of
Windows 95, in conjunction with the installation of the Microsoft
Explorer 4.0, is compatible with the basic functionality provided
by Windows 98.

    b. New computer systems delivered with the Windows 98
operating system are fully compatible with our current local area
network and server infrastructure and do not need to be downgraded
to the Windows 95 operating system. However, large scale upgrades
to existing Windows 95 desktop operating systems are not warranted
nor recommended at this time.

    c. The Windows 98 operating system does improve the
compatibility and configuration management of the laptop/notebook
computers. Upgrades of these computers are encouraged where
appropriate and where necessary to meet customer requirements.
This guideline is not a general authorization to perform a
wholescale upgrade of existing TEAM desktop operating systems.
These systems should be upgraded when adequate justification and
commensurate resources exist and when the upgrade has been
coordinated with the local site 7.2.

6. Review. AIR-7.2 shall review this instruction in a manner
appropriate with technology update cycles and submit revisions as
necessary. Revisions will be incorporated in and comply with
reference (a). Updates to reference (a) shall be drafted by the
TEAM IM Architect and approved by the TEAM CIO as technology,
business, or investment opportunities warrant.

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